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Mexico City's Mayor Marcelo Ebrard, wearing a face mask as a precaution against swine flu, gestures during a press conference in Mexico City, Wednesday May 6, 2009.

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MAD HATTER



Washington Capitals left wing Alex Ovechkin (8) from Russia tosses a puck to fans following the end of Game 2 of an NHL hockey second-round playoff series against the Pittsburgh Penguins, Monday, May 4, 2009 in Washington. Ovechkin scored three goals in Capitals won 4-3. See Sports Today



**Price of a barrel
of petroleum
today:**

US\$ 56.35

Renaissance Honors Mom in Two Ways



ORANJESTAD – Mother's Day will be celebrated at the Renaissance Aruba Resort with two special events, Brunch at Aquarius Restaurant, and Brunch at the Renaissance Convention center.

The culinary teams of both locations are busily planning their salute to all mothers with delicious food and plenty of surprises. At Aquarius Restaurant Aruba's bounty of the sea will be featured with a sumptuous seafood spread and live seafood action-stations.

Aquarius will serve a Seafood Bar with Maine Lobster chicks, Steamed Caribbean peel 'n' eat shrimp, King Crab Legs, Ceviche, Sushi style Tuna and special Dutch favorites such as Mackerel, Herring, Eel and Mussels.

Moms and family members are invited to feast on Salads & Soups and a variety of main courses with beef, poultry, fish and pasta, complemented by an interactive Cooking Station, sautéing



Grouper, Snapper, Wahoo, Mahi Mahi, Tuna, Scallops and Shrimp, a la minute, with patrons partaking in the creation. A Carving Station and a Dessert Extravaganza, tops off the culinary experience at Aquarius where kids under 5, accompanied by a paying adult eat free of charge, and kids under 12 accompanied by a paying adult also pay a discounted price.

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Tierra del Sol Throws an Anniversary Party



WEST PUNT – Tierra del Sol Golf Resort & Country Club celebrated an important achievement in the life of its associates, namely reaching their

10th and 15th anniversary on the job, with Aruba's only master-planned community.

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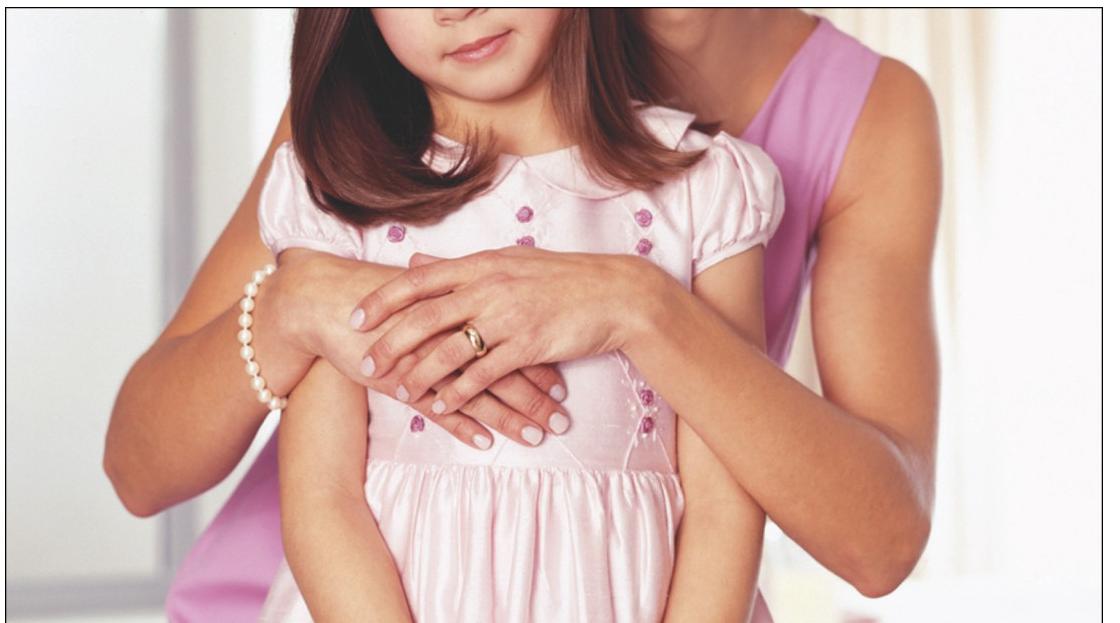
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GIVE HER TIME WITH THE FAMILY AT MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH
AT THE HYATT REGENCY ARUBA RESORT & CASINO.

MAY 10, 2009, 9:00 A.M. — 2:00 P.M.

Mother's day was made for brunch at the Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort & Casino.

Come and enjoy mom's special day at Ruinas del Mar where she has a chance to win fantastic prizes. Our Mother's day brunch buffet adorned with scrumptious dishes will delight everyone's taste buds. Your choices will be endless from an extensive salad and appetizer bar, to our 'have it your way' omelet stations. Other stations include sage crusted pork loin, bourbon mustard glazed ham carving station or our home made pasta pronto corner. Young and old will also love our freshly made donuts, mom's crepes made to order and much more. Each mom will receive a beautiful rose and a \$10 Free Play Hyatt Regency Casino coupon with their receipt.

Celebrate Mother's day in Authentic Island Chic Style!

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Brunch prices valid May 10, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort & Casino. Reservations are recommended by calling 586-1234 ext. 36. Available from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; \$49.75 per person, \$24.85 for children 9 to 12, \$12.45 for children 4 to 8 and free for children 3 and under. Price includes all you can eat buffet as well as sparkling wine, mimosas, sparkling apple cider, coffees, tea and orange juice. Price does not include 15% service charge local tax; or other alcoholic beverages at Ruinas. Join our Casino Players Advantage Club and receive a \$10 Free Play Coupon - Photo ID required. Other restrictions may apply, call for details. Hyatt reserves the right to alter or withdraw this program at any time without notice. HYATT, Hyatt Hotels & Resorts® and Hyatt Regency® names, designs and related marks are trademarks of Hyatt Corporation. © 2008 Hyatt Corporation. All rights reserved.



EAGLE BEACH – The French Steakhouse at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa just added another charming dining option, a tropical outdoor courtyard, featuring delicious cuisine under the stars.

The famed French Steakhouse prides itself on the elegant dining experience it offers patrons in the fully air-conditioned dining room. Yet recently the idea of adding a garden spot to the existing blueprint began to sprout in the creative mind of Executive Chef George Hoek, and he immediately recruited the landscapers to create the intimate, lovely setting.

The French Steakhouse Ooh-La-La menu is now served indoor and alfresco, featuring creative appetizers, soups, salads, seafood dishes, poultry and the Pièce de Résistance South American & USDA Beef specialties.

Among popular appetizers the chef's Tropical Crab Cakes with pineapple & mango salsa and the Teriyaki Glazed Seared Duck Breast, served with garden greens and balsamic dressing are real crowd pleasers.

True to the restaurant's French roots, the Onion Soup is a classic, while the Honey Glazed Salmon Salad winks at the exotic East with a sweet soy dressing.

The menu features a great variety of seafood dishes from fresh

fish to the totally sinful and amazingly decadent Caribbean Stuffed Shrimp with Crabmeat and Bacon, which became an instant hit. The tequila and sweet chili glaze, lends the Jumbo shrimp a pure taste of heaven!

The French Steakhouse is naturally famous for the South American Churrasco steak, a signature preparation, which now shares the stage with juicy USDA beef specialties such as NY Sirloin and Filet Mignon. Light-eaters will find the Jerk Chicken Skewers and the Lemon Herb Broilers very satisfying.

Open seven days a week from 5:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. the French Steakhouse is blessed with the nicest staff and a delightfully renovated dining room with sparkling China, crisp linen, an interesting bread basket, colossal desserts and live jazz on piano with Eddy Samson who is Aruba's best entertainer, and a walking & breathing music encyclopedia, just whistle the tune, and Eddy will produce a symphonic version of your favorite song.

Hungry patrons will appreciate the Ambassador's 5-course menu featuring the run of the menu highlights for just \$34.95 per person. www.manchebo.com.



Mother's Day is coming up!

Taste of Belgium wraps moms in sweet, sweet, chocolate love



ORANJESTAD - Taste of Belgium, the oh-so-tempting chocolate heaven in the Renaissance Mall, knows what moms like to get for Mother's Day. They like chocolates, all moms, no exceptions. A sneak peak at the goodies in the Taste of Belgium shop reveals that hearts are the name of the game. But there is more.

The chocolate fountain is at work and you can dip a marshmallow into the dark brown, gooey delight for just one dollar. Buy one when you are waiting for your purchase and your day will be good. But of course hearts is what

Mother's Day is all about. We love our mothers and she knows it.

So the heart-shaped boxes filled with heart-shaped pralines will be flying out the door, predicts Taste of Belgium manager Anja, who is busy making special US \$ 25 and \$ 35 Mother's Day baskets filled with chocolates and a lovely dessert wine.

Lots of different choices in boxed chocolates fill the store: choose between tinfoils with gold trim, lovely red boxes, even the cornets look delicious, already starting at US \$ 5 per box. The

chocolates that fill the boxes come in aloe, white cognac, dark orange and dark cherry liquor or any other taste you like. Mmmm.

At Taste of Belgium – the Chocolaterie, you can order a cappuccino, a cup of tea or a juice with a slice of yummy cake or with a Belgian waffle. Store hours are from 9 am till 7 pm on weekdays and Saturdays. But whatever you do, don't forget to wrap your sweet mom on Mother's Day with chocolate love.

Picture: Anja and Norris of Taste of Belgium Chocolaterie with a Mother's Day Surprise Basket.

Site Announces New Crystal Awards Category for 'Motivational' Destinations

Its annual Crystal Awards recognition program will feature a new category in 2009, according to Site, a global network of meetings and events professionals focused on motivational experiences.

The new category, "Most Impactful Destination for a Motivational Experience," will recognize destination management companies, official tourist organizations, convention and visitors bureaus, and conference and convention centers that have done "a superb job at delivering a motivational experience reward, proving their value as a top-notch location."

Site will present its Crystal Awards—which recognize "the best of the best" of incentive programs, special/motivational events and performance improvement campaigns—during its annual International Conference, taking place Oct. 30 through Nov. 2 in Aruba.

For more information, visit www.siteglobal.com/crystals.



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Sunday May 10th 5pm - 9pm

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Amazonia Churrascaria entertains Grupo Uni



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Surprise Basket

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Fodor's Travel Guide



Howard & Susan Meyer were honored at the Bucuti Beach Resort



ORANJESTAD - Recently at the Bucuti Beach Resort vacationers were presented with honorary titles created by the Ministry of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guest visiting Aruba for ten and 20 consecutive years. Special friends of Aruba, enjoying ten or more annual vacations here, are given the Distinguished Guest certificate and those with twenty consecutive years are awarded the Ambassador of goodwill title. The recent honoring was effected by the Aruba Tourism Authority associate Ricardo Croes at the Bucuti Beach Resort they call their home away from home. Howard & Susan Meyer were honored as Distinguished Visitors after visiting Aruba for 10 years

On picture Mr. Ricardo Croes together with Howard & Susan and also Deborah from the Bucuti Resort



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or

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On picture Mr. Ricardo Croes together with all honorees and also Izaira from the Aruba Beach Club

Fitch Affirms Aruba Airport Authority N.V. at 'BBB'; Outlook Stable

Fitch Ratings affirms the 'BBB' underlying long-term rating on Aruba Airport Authority N.V.'s (the authority) US\$82.3 million fixed-rate airport revenue bonds, of which US\$44.7 million remains outstanding. The authority's revenue bonds mature in 2015. Net revenues derived from the authority's ownership and operation of Queen Beatrix International Airport (the airport) secures the repayment of the bonds, which mature in 2015. The Rating Outlook is Stable. The rating reflects solid operating performance despite current volatility in enplanement trends, healthy financials, a modest and internally funded capital improvement plan, and increased financial flexibility due to the outstanding bond's relatively short amortization profile. Credit concerns center on considerable revenue concentration, with passenger facility charges (PFCs) and related charges accounting for nearly 70% of operating revenues in 2008. In addition, the continuation of traffic declines, significant reliance on the tourism industry, and the high cost of the Aruban travel market relative to comparable leisure destinations are also credit risks.

Enplanement trends have been positive at the airport, with passengers volume increasing by 7% from 2007, reaching a record-breaking 1.97 million passengers in 2008 from 1.83 million in 2007. From 2004 through 2008, passenger traffic grew by 2.6% on average annually, reflecting the strength of Aruba as a tourist destination. Other positive developments include expanded capacity from incumbent and new carriers serving the airport including low-cost carriers jetBlue and Spirit Airlines operating out of their New York/Boston and Florida markets, respectively, as well as increased service from Latin America countries. The growth in low-cost carrier service complements existing service from legacy carriers such as American Airlines and US Airways, which accounted for 30% and 19% of total market share in 2008, respectively. However, recent enplanement declines have been significant as reduced leisure travel demand within the airport's Latin America markets has adversely affected enplanement patterns. January and February 2009 enplanement figures were down approximately 14.3% when compared to the same period 2008, mainly reflecting cancellation of charter flights from Venezuela, and the cessation of American Airlines' San Juan flight. However, under various sensitivity analyses examined by Fitch, the airport remains resilient, being able to sustain significant volume

declines before triggering a Debt Service Coverage Ratio (DSCR) rate covenant of 1.35 times (x).

The airport's finances are healthy. In 2008, the airport reported DSCR of 2.29x, slightly up from DSCR of 2.02x in 2007, and well above the authority's rate covenant. In addition, the airport also maintains a general purpose fund which totaled US\$23.6 million invested in either liquid or short-term securities. Although a large percentage of this balance is earmarked for future routine capital needs,

these monies can be used for any airport purpose. The year 2008 also marked the inauguration of a new terminal concession program and restructured car rental concession agreements, which yielded highly positive cash flow results. Commercial concession revenues from retail, food and beverage, and car rental operations increased 175% during 2008 versus the same period in 2007. Nevertheless, aeronautical revenues (derived from an authority-levied PFC and various other passenger fees) continue to represent over 70% of the

authority's total revenue profile. As a result of management's ability to diversify its key revenue segments, total non-aeronautical revenues grew by 61%, yielding a 26% increase in net operating income for 2008 on a year-over-year basis.

Going forward, the diversification of the airport's revenue profile should help moderate the authority's budgetary reliance on per passenger charges and fees. While Fitch expects passenger-related fees and charges to remain the principal funding source for

the authority, non-aeronautical revenues are forecasted to make larger contributions. Fitch continues to recognize the various organizational strengths brought to the authority since its strategic agreement with Schiphol International B.V. which began in 2004.

The authority originally budgeted approximately US\$21 million in capital outlays in 2009, which was later reduced to US\$15.6 million. The majority of these monies will be used for airside rehabilitation in accordance with the authority's Masterplan.



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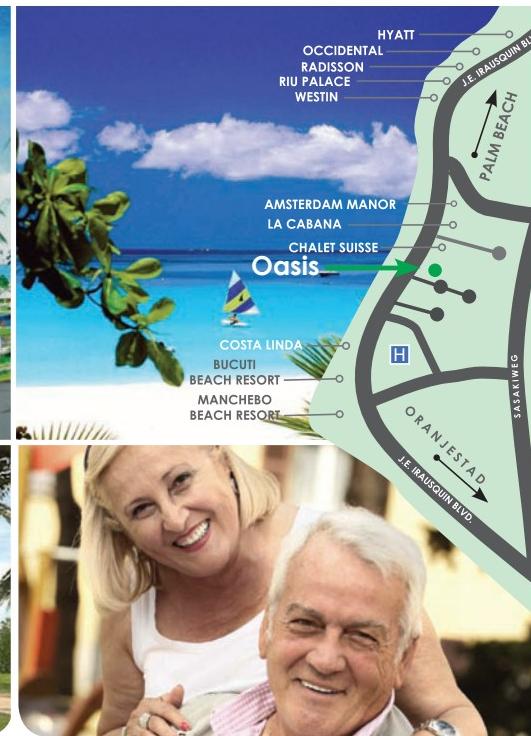




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Beach is moving fast. Fifteen of the thirty five units have already been sold. The condominiums will be ready for occupancy by March 2010. Oasis is located on Eagle Beach which allows for an easy access, even on foot, to the best casinos, restaurants, golf courses, shopping areas and night life the Aruba has to offer.

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PALM BEACH - Sunday May 10th the popular Bugaloe Beach Bar & Grill is organizing for it's 3rd anniversary Aruba's Annual Beach Volleyball Tournament.

Locals and tourists are teaming up to participate in this funfilled tournament that takes place on the white powered sand of Palm Beach right in front of Bugaloe Beach Bar. There will be 3 team categories FUN (6 players),

ADVANCED (4 players) and PRO (2 players). In a relaxed ambiance DJ Jeroen will play his favorite tunes while you can enjoy special prices on Amstel Bright. There will also be a full program for the kids. You are welcome to visit, even if you are not playing.

Bugaloe is located at De Palm Pier on Palm Beach between RIU Palace and Radisson Resort.

The after party takes place at Bugaloe Beach Bar where the band Marisela & Aquarius will perform live on stage. Put the date in your chalender today!

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"One Happy Family" united on "One Happy Island"

Susan & Ronald tie the knot in paradise



RADISSON- On April 21, 2009, Susan Edmons & Ronald Ochman from Easton, Connecticut vowed their love as one.

The lovebirds met through mutual friends three years ago. Since that special day they clicked and have never been apart.

Last year February while on vacation in Aruba, Ronald proposed at 3am at La Cabana after gambling at the casino. He woke Susan up and surprised her. The following day they went out and bought the engagement ring and made it official. While visiting the serene Butterfly farm they decided to have their dream wedding in Aruba.

Everything was planned to perfection. Ronald was the vacation planner, and he planned everything from afar to make this a vacation to remember with wedding coordinator Lissy Lampe of Ceremonies & Celebrations in Aruba who orchestrated the wedding.

The wedding took place at the prestigious Aruba Radisson Resort. The ceremony was delivered by Father Jacobs and witnessed by 27 guests. During the ceremony a Sand Ceremony took place with Ronald's older son Charlie who delivered the vows to unite them as one. The immediate family of both sides included 6 children, two son-in laws, 1 daughter in law and 12 grandchildren ranging from ages 5 months to 13 years. Everyone was delighted with the romantic wedding.

The wedding details and clothing attire matched perfectly with a pink and white theme which included the cake topper of pink and clear 'Lalique' fish kissing.



Following the photo shoot with Bella Aruba Photography the newlyweds and family members enjoyed a romantic dinner on the premises along the beach. The reception started with a special speech from Charlie Ochnam and Jennifer Langenberg who toasted to special words. This day will

never be forgotten as they toasted to "We are family." Many thanks to Lissy & Francisca from the Radisson along with the staff for making our wedding memorable and going beyond our expectations" replied Susan

Photos by Angela
Munzenhofer

Driftwood Authentic Aruban Seafood Restaurant offers diners the ultimate dining experience in freshly line caught fish.



ORANJESTAD - Why should seafood enthusiast and other diners alike go to Driftwood Restaurant? Well let's start by mentioning that their fish is caught daily by the owner himself and prepared by a local chef. "Just like mama makes it." The food is fresh, the staff is friendly, and the place is definitely buzzing. If you want to catch your own fresh fish and can't stay for a sit-down dinner, enjoy their Charter Fishing trip and have them prepare it for you. Trust me; it doesn't get any fresher than this: From pier to plate as their motto says.



Fried fish would be the common choice, but you can get your entrée broiled, grilled or baked. However you can indulge in the more guilty options for lobster, Alaskan king crab legs, grouper, shrimp, Black Angus tenderloin and so forth. Ease your

conscience and add a salad or go all out and try their delicious crab cakes, fish soup, garlic escargots, lobster crepe and coconut shrimps before your hearty entrée.



While seafood stars at Driftwood, fish-phobic diners will not go hungry. They have a staggeringly vast menu, which doesn't miss much of anything, from authentic Aruban seafood, lobster, Alaskan king crab legs to chicken, lamb or steaks.

Q: Why do we serve only fresh line caught fish?
A: How fresh would you be after a net caught fish frozen import from Asia?



Driftwood restaurant has a long tradition of serving the best seafood and steaks for over 20 years!

Don't forget to make this a must dine at restaurant while on vacation, you are sure to indulge in some great tasty seafood.



Restaurant information and reservation: open daily (closed on Tuesdays) from 5pm-10:30pm. Tel. 583-2515. Located at Klipstraat 12 in the heart of downtown Oranjestad, within driving distance from the resorts. □



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"Aruhiba" Aruba's homemade cigar



ORANJESTAD - Benjamin Petrochi has started the newest

export product of Aruba, locally produced cigars called 'Aruhiba'. These cigars are produced and cultivated in Aruba. Petrochi has always had an interest in the cigar business and has also sold cigars from outside, and now he is growing his own tobacco crop. After many attempts and trips to Santo Domingo and Cuba he started his own production and cultivation of "Aruhiba" cigars in Aruba. The process took 5 years Petrochi's dedication to the cigars is important for the molding and



process of making a perfect cigar which takes a long time. The cigar case is specially designed for the cigars with the logo 'Aruhiba' and 'Made in Aruba'. Petrochi considers 'Aruhiba' a promotion for Aruba through fine quality cigars.

The company sells international cigars as well. Buy a gift box of Aruhiba Corona with five cigars and get 1 free for \$35.00. Located at the Historic Dutch

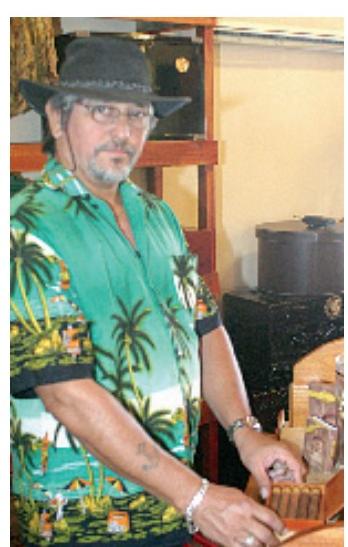


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International cigars as well. Buy a gift box of Aruhiba Corona with five cigars and get 1 free for \$35.00. Located at the Historic Dutch



GEOX has winners with Magic 96.5



ORANJESTAD -- Geox Aruba is helping celebrate the anniversary of Magic 96.5 FM radio station, by participating in special giveaways. Olivia Croes was one of the lucky winners, from among Magic 96.5 FM's listeners promoting the radio's 11th anniversary. She is seen in the photo proud of her new shoes, also an early

Mother's Day gift. Geox reports that on Saturday, May 9th, it will be celebrating Mother's Day. The trendy, Italian shoe store at the Renaissance Mall in Oranjestad, plans to honor gift certificates, and serve Bailey's Irish Crème frappe drinks to shoppers, to live music and entertainment all day. The gift certificates were

delivered to home mailboxes around the island, and these certificates are all redeemable at the store, as discounts against purchases.

The store will be treating Mom on her special day, to comfortable happy and cool feet. The benefits of having comfortable, happy and cool feet is enormous, resulting mostly in happier facial expressions and a general feeling of well-being, which is especially important for women who often buy shoes based on aesthetics, sacrificing comfort.

Geox shoes are stylish and well made and are well suited to the tropics. To admire the amazing collection for men, women and children, visit the Geox Store at Renaissance Mall; the shoes are blessed by Italian design and combine style and functionality. Geox Aruba, Renaissance Mall, tel.: 588 6736, Geox@setarnet.aw

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How beautiful and
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So there they stood
Their hearts
pounding

The Queen and her Silent Emotions

By: Roland W.
Peterson

(Dedicated to my Queen)

It was a beautiful morning
The sun was shining
The birds were chirping
He held a little flag in his hand
He was the proudest in all the
land

Then the earth shook
The big trees trembled
As the monster drove by
The sun shines no more

The little flag knocked in the air
No one to catch it any more
So there he lay
The little flag at his side

Screams fill the air
Faces stricken with fear
People wondering around in
despair

In her heart she is broken
She reaches out
Tender words are spoken
Never seen her like this before
Her "Silent Emotions" touch
and hurt us too

We reach out to her and the
hurting families
And when everything is still
With simple words we say
"We love you and always will."

So nicely dressed
Cheers at their best
Yes those from the
West

Suddenly the pain
Bodies knocked in
the air

Screams fill the air
Agony and despair

The monster came
from behind
No one had this on
their mind
There they lay

Cries and dismay

Orange turns red
Blood on the road
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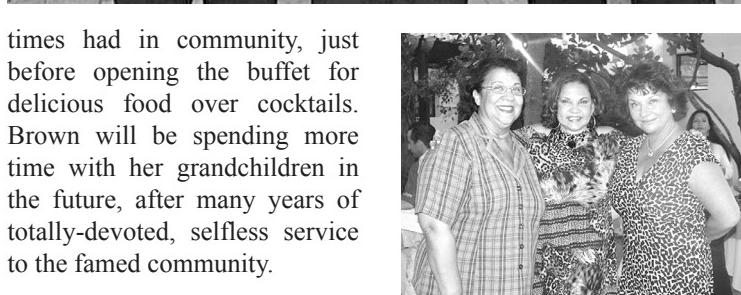
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Emilio Geerman, Real Estate & Richard Erasmus, Engineering, marked their tenth anniversary with the property.

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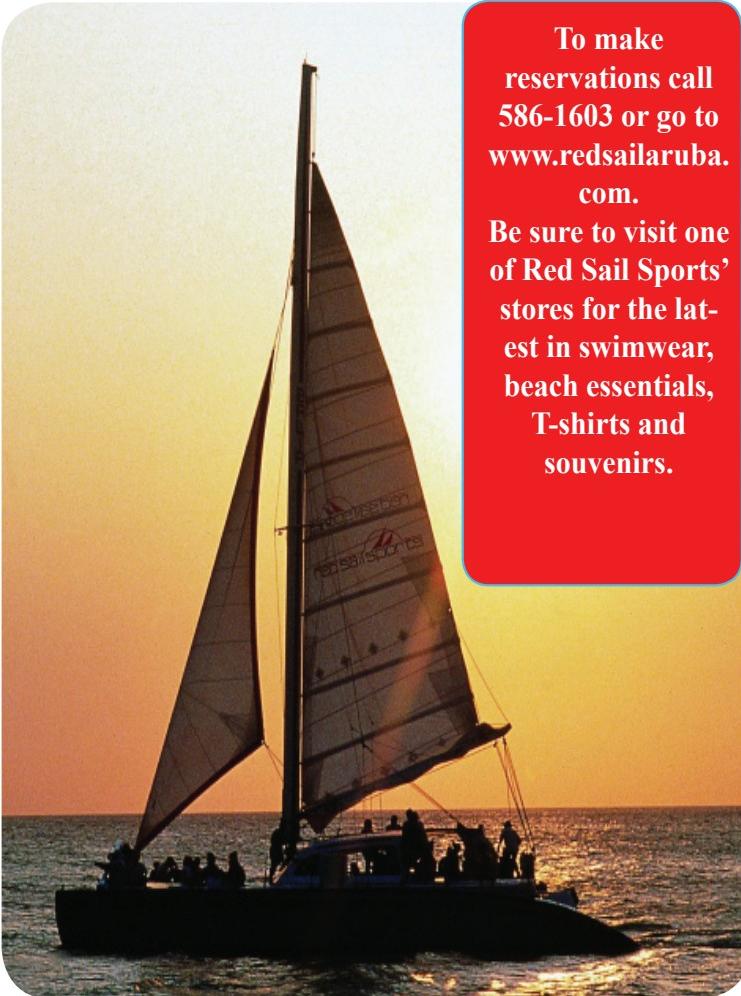
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The Jesusita fire burns in the foothills above Santa Barbara Tuesday May 5, 2009. Southern California authorities said early Wednesday the wildfire is threatening 2,000 Santa Barbara homes and has grown to 400 acres. Santa Barbara County spokeswoman Pat Wheatley says the fire has pulled within a half-mile of some neighborhoods. The fire began Tuesday afternoon in the foothills above San Roque Canyon and quickly grew.

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Obama praises Afghan, Pakistan commitments

MATTHEW LEE

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)

President Barack Obama declared he got the commitments he wanted Wednesday from the leaders of Pakistan and Afghanistan to more aggressively fight Taliban and al-Qaida militants who are gaining power and sowing violence in their countries.

"I'm pleased that these two men, elected leaders of Afghanistan and Pakistan, fully appreciate the seriousness of the threats that we face and have reaffirmed their commitment to confronting it," Obama said at the White House.

The presidents of the two countries stood at his side after a day of joint meetings. Obama is sending 21,000 fresh



President Barack Obama speaks to reporters after his meeting with Afghanistan's President Hamid Karzai, 2nd from left, and Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari, right, as Vice President Joe Biden looks on in the Grand Foyer the White House in Washington, Wednesday, May 6, 2009.

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U.S. troops into Afghanistan to help with the anti-terror war.

The high-stakes diplomacy had Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai and Pakistan's Asif Ali Zardari meeting with U.S. officials separately and together, first at the State

Department and then at the White House. Looming over the sessions was a bombing on Monday in Afghanistan that officials there said killed dozens of civilians and for which the Obama administration apologized.

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Results of bank stress tests leak ahead of report



In this Oct. 15, 2008 file photo, the exterior of JPMorgan Chase offices in San Francisco are shown. Results of the government's stress tests of financial companies with at least \$100 billion in assets are expected Thursday, May 7, 2009, after the markets close.

Associated Press

DANIEL WAGNER

AP Business Writers

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Government stress tests are expected to show that nearly a dozen of the nation's largest banks do not have enough money to survive if the economy worsens and will need to raise billions of dollars as a precaution.

Findings of the government's long-awaited tests of 19 banks leaked out Wednesday, a day ahead of an official announcement.

Investors cheered reports that American Express, JPMorgan

Chase and Bank of New York Mellon have enough capital to endure and even pushed up the stocks of banks that may need more capital.

But the public nature of the assessments also raised questions among some critics about whether the findings will reflect the banks' actual conditions.

The tests put banks through two scenarios: one that reflected expectations about the current recession and another that envisioned a recession deeper than what analysts predict.

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Plenty of flu caution as Mexico returns to work

JULIE WATSON

Associated Press Writers

MEXICO CITY (AP) — In gleaming office towers and gritty markets, Mexicans returned to work Wednesday after a five-day swine flu shutdown, and dozens returned to a heroes' welcome from "humiliating" quarantines in China. But Mexico's death toll rose, feeding fears of more infections now that crowds are gathering again.

The World Health Organization urged countries not to quarantine visitors or impose trade restrictions without scientific reasons. But China defiantly justified its quarantines as protection for its densely populated cities. And even impoverished Haiti turned away a Mexican ship carrying desperately needed food aid because of flu fears.

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Afghan pakistan

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Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton told Karzai that the Obama administration "deeply, deeply" regretted the loss of civilian lives. When Obama went before the cameras, he pledged his administration would "make every effort to avoid civilian casualties" in both Afghanistan and Pakistan, where U.S. airstrikes have stoked anti-American sentiment.

In Afghanistan, the U.S. forces commander said it wasn't a certainty that the deaths happened as a result of U.S. military action. Gen. David McKiernan said American forces came to the aid of Afghans who may have been ambushed by the Taliban in Farah province on Sunday. He said the Taliban beheaded three civilians, perhaps to lure police, and that the United States is working with the Afghans to learn the truth about the incident.



President Barack Obama makes remarks in the Grand Foyer of the White House in Washington, Wednesday, May 6, 2009, following a meeting with Afghan President Hamid Karzai, left, and Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari.

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State Department spokesman Robert A. Wood said Clinton's remarks were offered as a gesture, before all the facts of the incident were known, because "any time there is a loss of innocent life we are going to be concerned about it, and we wanted to make that very clear."

Obama emphasized the progress he said was achieved in the Washington meetings,

thousands of miles from the conflicts.

"We have advanced unprecedented cooperation," Obama declared. "We will work for the day when our nations are linked not by a common enemy but by a shared peace and prosperity." Gathering the three leaders together at one table, along with lower-level officials from the three countries,

"reflects the kind of concrete cooperation and detail that is going to ultimately make a difference in improving opportunity and democracy and stability in Pakistan and in Afghanistan," Obama said.

The stakes couldn't be higher, he said.

"We have learned time and again that our security is shared," the president said. "It is a lesson that we learned most painfully on 9/11, and it is a lesson that we will not forget."

The president said all three governments must cooperate in fighting insurgents who control parts of Pakistan and Afghanistan and must "deny them the space" to threaten local residents — or Americans.

Earlier in the day, Clinton told reporters that Karzai and Zardari made specific commitments of how they would increase the fight against militants. She would not name their promises yet, but said the talks were "producing some very promising early signs" of

greater cooperation.

"I am very optimistic that this process is making a difference," she said in remarks in the White House briefing room.

Pakistan's military offensive this week against the Taliban in the northwestern Swat Valley was a positive sign, she said. "I think that action was called for and action has been forthcoming."

Pakistan launched an offensive against the Taliban in the region after the collapse of a peace deal that had seen the extremists expand their territory toward the capital. Taliban forces recently have alarmed the U.S. and its allies by striking out from strongholds on the Pakistani-Afghan border to areas closer to the capital of Islamabad.

It is the broader struggle against terrorism, with forces led by the United States often fighting shadowy enemies on ill-defined battlefields, that got Karzai and Zardari invited here in the first place.



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Gay marriage leaps ahead in Maine, New Hampshire

GLENN ADAMS
Associated Press Writers
AUGUSTA, Maine (AP)

— In a banner day for U.S. advocates of gay marriage, Maine's governor signed a freshly passed bill Wednesday allowing the practice and was followed closely by New Hampshire lawmakers' vote for such a measure.

If New Hampshire Gov. John Lynch signs the bill or lets it become law without his signature, his state would become the sixth overall in the United States to allow gay marriage and the fifth in the northeastern U.S. Rhode Island would be the only holdout in the New England region.

Maine Gov. John Baldacci, a Democrat who hadn't indicated how he would handle his state's bill, signed it shortly after the legislation passed the Senate on a vote of 21-13 — a margin not large enough to override a veto.

"In the past, I opposed gay marriage while supporting the idea of civil unions," Baldacci said in a statement read in his office. "I have come to believe that this is a question of fairness and of equal protection under the law, and that a civil union is not equal to civil marriage." Lynch, also a Democrat, remained uncommitted but has said he believes the word "marriage" should be reserved for unions of a man and a woman.

"I'm going to talk to legislators and I'm going to talk to the people of New Hampshire and ultimately make the best decision I can for the people of New Hampshire," the governor said Wednesday evening.

The New Hampshire bill squeaked through on a 178-167 vote after an hour of

impassioned debate. Both chambers appear to be far short of enough votes to override a veto.

The Maine bill authorizes marriage between any two people rather than between one man and one woman, as state law currently allows. The House had passed the bill Tuesday.

The law is to take effect in mid-September but could be sidetracked before then. Opponents promise to challenge it through a public veto process that could suspend it while a statewide vote takes shape.

Sue Estler, a Maine resident, said she and her partner of 20 years, Paula Johnson, plan to get married. But she also thinks opponents might collect enough signatures to force the referendum.

A professor at the University of Maine, the 64-year-old Estler said she sent an e-mail to out-of-state friends and family members Wednesday saying "Oh, my god. The governor just signed the bill."

"But I said, 'Don't make your travel plans for the wedding yet. There's still probably a referendum to go,'" she said.

Legislative debate in Maine

was brief. Senate President Elizabeth Mitchell, turned the gavel over to an openly gay member, Sen. Lawrence Bliss, to preside over the final vote. Republican Sen. Debra Plowman of Hampden argued that the bill was being passed "at the expense of the people of faith."

But Senate Majority Leader Philip Bartlett II said the bill does not compel religious institutions to recognize gay marriage.

"We respect religious liberties. ... This is long overdue," said Bartlett.

The activist group Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders has targeted all six New England states for passage of a gay marriage law by 2012.

Connecticut has enacted a bill after being ordered to allow gay marriages by its courts, and Vermont passed a bill over the governor's veto.

Massachusetts' high court has ordered the state to recognize gay marriages. In Rhode Island, a bill to legalize same-sex marriage has been introduced but is not expected to pass this year.

Gay marriage is still not recognized by the federal



Maine Gov. John Baldacci gestures after signing a gay rights marriage bill in his office at the State House in Augusta, Maine, on Wednesday, May 6, 2009.

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government.

New England states have acted quickly since gay

marriages became law in

Massachusetts in 2004

because it's a small region with porous borders, shared media markets and a largely shared culture, said Carisa Cunningham of the gay defenders group.

Outside New England, Iowa is recognizing gay marriages after a court ordered it. The

practice was briefly legal in California before voters banned it.

If it comes to a statewide vote in Maine, Estler is confident gay marriage will prevail.

"I think Maine people will support it," she said. "Part of the reason I say that is Maine is a state where people, regardless of party affiliation, really believe in live and let live."

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Stress test

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Citigroup Inc. will need to raise about \$5 billion, according to a government official briefed on the results who spoke on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the matter. Earlier news reports had put that dollar figure closer to \$10 billion.

Regions Financial Corp. will also need to raise more money, according to people briefed on the results, as will Bank of America Corp. and Wells Fargo & Co.

Bank of America stock rose Wednesday after reports that the Charlotte, North Carolina-based company would need to collect \$34 billion in additional capital. The New York Times and Wall Street Journal reported the figure. The Journal cited unidentified people familiar with the situation, while the Times quoted a bank executive. Stress tests have long been a part of the bank regulation system. They help regulators decide how to supervise banks and help banks decide how to limit their risk. Those



In this April 20, 2009 file photo, people enter the Bank of New York building in New York's Financial District. Bank of New York Mellon Corp., JPMorgan Chase & Co. and American Express Co. will not be asked to raise more capital when federal officials announce the test results Thursday, May 7, 2009, according to people briefed on the results. The people requested anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the results.

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conversations between banks and regulators normally take place behind closed doors.

In recent weeks, the government's unprecedented decision to publicly release bank-test results has fanned speculation, with analysts predicting the findings and investors staking out trading positions.

Critics are concerned that all the attention could make the tests much less effective. They say regulators seem so

intent on maintaining public confidence in the banks that the results will have to say the banks are basically healthy, though some need to raise more capital.

"There is a real question as to the legitimacy of these results," said Jason O'Donnell, senior analyst at Boenning & Scattergood Inc.

The stress tests are a key part of the Obama administration's plan to stabilize the financial industry.

The tests estimated how much value the banks' loans would lose as consumers and businesses faced more trouble repaying loans.

The first test scenario envisioned unemployment reaching 8.8 percent in 2010 and housing prices dropping another 14 percent this year. The second imagined unemployment rising to 10.3 percent next year and homes losing another 22 percent of their value this year.

The government is asking banks to keep their capital reserve ratios above a certain level so they can continue lending even if the economic picture darkens.

Banks will have several options for increasing their capital. Some will be able to close the gap by converting the government's debt into common stock. Others will have six months to attempt to raise money from private investors. If they cannot do it, the government will provide money from its \$700 billion financial system bailout.

The banks that need more capital will have until June 8 to come up with a plan to raise the additional resources and

have the plan approved by their regulators, officials said Wednesday.

Economic assumptions have changed since the tests were designed in February. Unemployment already has surpassed the 8.4 percent the test's first scenario predicts for 2009, which left some analysts wondering whether the tests were harsh enough. Officials have said they will not let any of the 19 institutions fold. That makes it almost impossible for them to say anything about a bank that would threaten its survival, since a flight by investors could force the government to step in with additional bailout money — something the Treasury Department hopes to avoid.

Doing the stress tests publicly "negates the whole point" of stress testing, because regulators know tough action could imperil the banks, said Jaidev Iyer, a former risk management chief at Citigroup who now works at a nonprofit involved in bank risk analysis.

The government originally intended to keep the results mostly secret, but later reversed course. Disclosure of the results would provide investors better information about the banks' conditions, officials hoped.

Open discussion of the stress tests has made it hard for regulators to be as candid as they would like, said Bradley Sabel, a veteran bank supervisor with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York now at the law firm Shearman & Sterling.

"I think there's an awful lot of value in keeping confidential the discussions between banks and examiners," he said.

But the publicity could serve the administration's political aims.

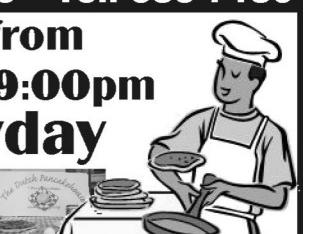
"The stress test was a clever stalling action from a tactical point of view," said Simon Johnson, a former chief economist with the International Monetary Fund now at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

"They wanted to wait until the economy showed signs of bottoming out."

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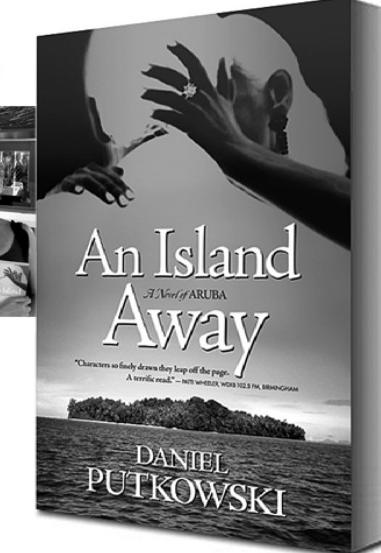
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NBA great Dave Bing wins race for Detroit mayor

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Associated Press Writer

DETROIT (AP) — Basketball legend Dave Bing was elected as Detroit's mayor through the end of the year, sweeping the incumbent from office in the city with myriad problems.

"The real work starts now," Bing said to loud cheers during his victory speech Tuesday night.

"What we will bring ... is efficiency, transparency, honesty and integrity back to the mayor's office," he said.

With 100 percent of precincts reporting, Bing had 52.3 percent of the vote, or 49,054 votes, to 47.7 percent, or 44,770 votes, for incumbent Ken Cockrel, Jr. Both are Democrats.

Bing, 65, will be mayor through 2009, serving the balance of the term that belonged to Democrat Kwame Kilpatrick, who resigned in September and went to jail after admitting he lied during a civil trial to cover up an affair with his chief of staff.

Bing must run again in the regular Aug. 4 nonpartisan primary and win the Nov. 3 general election to hold the mayor's seat for a full four years.

The founder of steel manufacturer The Bing Group announced his run for mayor the day after Kilpatrick stepped down as part of pleas to two criminal cases.

Cockrel, 43, was City Council president before Kilpatrick's departure automatically promoted him to the mayor's office. He'll go back to that job now.

"You have not seen the last of me," Cockrel told supporters to cheers and chants of "Run Ken run!"

Shortly after the speech, Cockrel spokesman Daniel Cherrin said he expected a decision in a few days on whether or not Cockrel will run again in the upcoming primary.

Scandal caused the special election, which cost \$2.5 million including the Feb. 24 primary, but Detroit has other issues on its plate. The city has a \$250 million to \$300 million budget deficit, double-digit unemployment and a wave of

home foreclosures.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson said Bing would bring business acumen and credibility to Detroit.

"When he played basketball he thrilled us. When he moved into business he hired us. Now he will lead us," the civil rights leader said during a telephone interview.

Bing was the No. 2 overall pick by the Detroit Pistons in 1966 out of Syracuse. He played in Detroit until he was traded in 1975 and is a member of professional basketball's Hall of Fame.



Former NBA basketball star Dave Bing celebrates his mayoral victory in Detroit, Tuesday, May 5, 2009. Detroit voters elected Bing as their mayor, sweeping incumbent Ken Cockrel Jr. from office and giving the ex-Pistons great at least through the end of the year to make a dent in the city's myriad of problems.

Associated Press

Strong wind forecast at fire; homes at risk

SANTA BARBARA, California (AP) — A forecast of drier air and strong winds raised concerns Wednesday about a Southern California wildfire threatening 2,000 homes, which had been protected overnight by helicopter water drops.

The fire north of Santa Barbara was an early start to California's wildfire season. Fire officials reported the fire was stable Wednesday morning, and had burned only about 200 acres of brush and no homes.

At a noon news conference, however, Fire Chief Tom Franklin said the forecast had worsened, with wind gusts of up to 60 mph

expected later in the day, with falling humidity.

The fire started Tuesday afternoon, and helicopters, normally grounded after dark, dropped water on the fire during much of the night. Water-dropping airplanes were operating during the day Wednesday, and fire trucks were stationed at homes in case flames threatened them.

Mandatory evacuations were in effect for 1,200 homes in several residential areas.

The fire's cause was unknown.

Less than six months ago, a wind-driven, 2,000-acre blaze destroyed more than 200 homes in Santa Barbara and neighboring Montecito.



A Montecito firefighter surveys the property of a threatened home on Jesusita Lane Tuesday May 5, 2009 as his crew provides structure protection from the wind driven "Jesusita fire" that forced the evacuation of more than 2000 foothill residences as more than 400 acres of brush burned in Santa Barbara.

Associated Press

IAEA: weapons grade uranium traces found in Egypt

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Associated Press Writer

VIENNA (AP) — U.N. nuclear inspectors have found traces of highly enriched uranium in Egypt, the International Atomic Energy Agency said in a report obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press.

Highly enriched uranium can be used to make weapons, but there was no indication in the brief report that the traces of the particles were linked to such efforts.

Iran, whose present nuclear program is churning out low-enriched uranium for reactor fuel, is under U.N. Security Council sanctions because of concerns that it could reconfigure the program to produce weapons-grade uranium instead.

The restricted IAEA report, dated May 5, said agency inspectors detected the particles in Egypt last year and in 2007. A senior diplomat accredited to the agency said it was the first time the traces were reported by the Vienna-based nuclear monitor.

He demanded anonymity for commenting on the restricted document.

A second senior diplomat, also demanding anonymity, said the particles were at or near weapons-grade level — or in the stage that could be used for atomic arms.

It was unclear why the agency was disclosing the findings now. IAEA spokesman Marc Vidricaire said the agency had no comment. The 82-page document detailing how agency safeguards are being applied to prevent nuclear proliferation, had a one-page section on Egypt.

It said Cairo believes the particles could have come into the country on containers with radio isotopes, but said the IAEA was continuing its investigations because "it has not yet identified the source of the uranium particles."

Both high- and low-enriched uranium can be used to make radio isotopes, which have applications in medicine and scientific research. The report said traces of low-enriched uranium also were found at the

same site — Inshas, northeast of Cairo, where Egypt's two small research reactors are located.

The Egyptian Embassy in Vienna said its ambassador was in Cairo and unavailable for comment. An embassy diplomat said there would be no comment "because the report only appeared yesterday" on the IAEA's restricted intranet site "and we only sent it to Cairo for studying today." He refused to give his name on the phone, saying he was not authorized to talk to reporters on the issue.

One of the diplomats accredited to the IAEA said the environmental samples that revealed the traces were part of a new investigation and not linked to a major IAEA probe launched after disclosures in 2004 that Egypt failed to report nuclear experiments and related activities that could potentially be used for either nuclear civilian or weapons programs.

In a report published the following year, the agency described the work as small-scale, saying the programs took place decades ago and did not appear to be part of an



The flag of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is seen in front of the Vienna headquarters in this August 9, 2005 file photo.

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attempt to make nuclear weapons. Still, it faulted Egypt for keeping them secret, despite obligations to report them to the IAEA. Throughout that inquiry Cairo claimed that its scientists were driven by interest in exploring the nuclear fuel cycles for creating

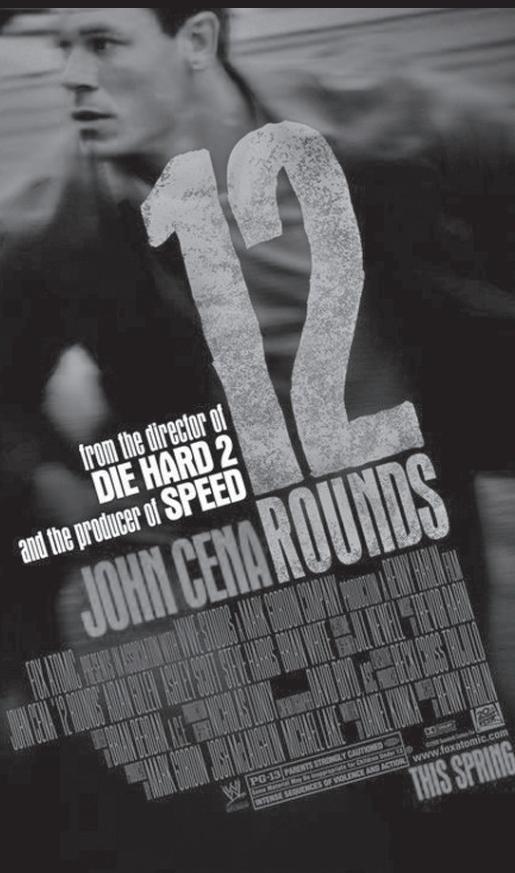
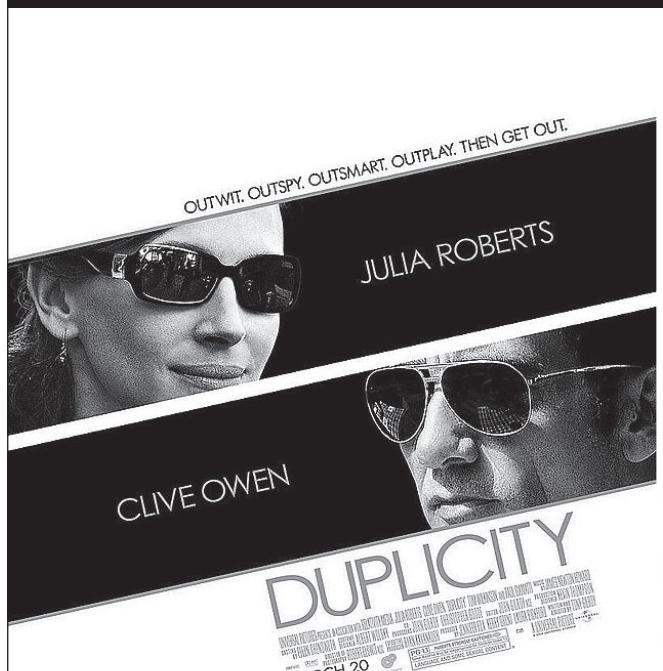
energy and characterized the lack of reporting as sloppiness.

In Wednesday's report, the IAEA said its inspectors planned to take additional samples at Inshas in an attempt to clear up the origin of the enriched uranium.



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Experts: nearly 1 billion hungry people in world

JENNY BARCHFIELD
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PARIS (AP) — The number of hungry people in the world could soon hit a record 1 billion, despite a recent drop in food prices, the U.N. food aid organization said Wednesday. The recent financial crisis, though it has helped bring global food prices down, also has led to falling trade and lower development aid, according to the Food and Agriculture Organization's general director, Jacques Diouf.

As a result of the crisis, an additional 104 million people were likely to go hungry this year — meaning they receive fewer than 1,800 calories a day, Diouf told reporters after a two-day meeting in Paris between the FAO and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

"We have never seen so many hungry people in the world," Diouf said.

The number of people considered hungry increased last year as well, by 40 million, and in 2007, when 75 million more people joined the ranks, Diouf said.

If the projection for 2009 proves accurate, that would

mean that approximately 1 billion people — or roughly one-sixth of the world's population — will hungry by the end of the year, he said. "Food security is a matter of peace and security in the world," he said, stressing that the food production will have to double by 2050 just to keep pace with population growth. Despite a 30 percent drop in food prices from June 2008, overall food prices still remain above 2006 levels, Diouf said. In the developing world, however, food prices have dropped only 12-14 percent since June 2008, he said.

Surveys show that prices of basic staple foods in many poor countries have barely registered any drop.

Higher food prices spurred a 12-13 percent increase in production in wealthy countries. But developing countries — excluding giants such as China, Brazil and India — have only seen a 0.4 percent rise in food production, "which is totally offset by the increase in population," Diouf said.

Systemic problems — such as weak infrastructure and dependence on rain — are to blame for poor nations' near-



Local people from Pakistan's troubled areas of Mingora and Buner in the Swat valley, queue for food in a camp set up for people who fled from fighting between Taliban militants and government security forces, in Mardan near Peshawar, Pakistan on Wednesday, May 6, 2009. Helicopter gunships and mortar teams pounded militant strongholds, killing dozens outside emerald mines, the military said, as Taliban reinforcements poured down from their mountain hide-outs and seized homes and government buildings.

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stagnant production. Bad roads in rural areas, lack of proper food storage facilities and a lack of irrigation infrastructure continue to keep farmers in poor countries from producing more, Diouf said. He and other experts at Wednesday's conference called a greater percentage of development aid to poor

countries to be spent on agriculture.

Following the so-called Green Revolution of the 1970s — during which crop yields and food production skyrocketed — aid money spent on agriculture has dwindled from 17 percent of total aid to just 3 percent.

"There is no way we will solve the problem of food security in the world if we stay in this situation," Diouf said, adding "we need to go back to 17 percent" of development aid earmarked for agriculture. Only such a dramatic increase will prevent acute food shortages in the future, he warned.

Mexico

Continued from front page

In Mexico City, friends and co-workers greeted each other with back slaps, firm handshakes — and dollops of hand sanitizer. Some high-rises stationed doctors in their lobbies who questioned returning employees and required visitors to fill out forms stating they had no flu symptoms. Maitre d's in surgical masks stood at attention amid rows of sidewalk tables that were pulled out and washed down for the first time in days.

"We're returning to normal," said Eugenio Velis, 57, a graphic artist sipping coffee with friends in the trendy Condesa neighborhood. But Ernesto Viloria, 40, worried about his children using public transit and returning to school. "Nothing can be the same," insisted Viloria, who works in finance. "The virus continues, even though it's declining, and we have to pay attention."

Mexico's government said the shutdown reduced the spread of the virus at its epicenter. Deaths have slowed as the country mobilized an aggressive public health response to the epidemic that has sickened thousands in 24 countries.

Sweden and Poland were the latest countries to confirm swine flu cases, both in women who had

recently visited the U.S. In Mexico, the confirmed death toll reached 42 Wednesday — mostly as backlogged cases got tested, but also two new deaths on Tuesday. It also confirmed more than 1,100 nonfatal cases. Eighty percent of Mexico's swine flu infections have been in and around the capital, and a majority of the dead were between 20 and 39 years old.

There was some concern that Mexico was relaxing too quickly, especially with high schools and universities reopening Thursday, and primary schools reopening next week. While "filter teams" prepared to screen out sick students and teachers, epidemiologists warn that the virus has spread throughout Mexico, and could bounce back.

"We have seen a tendency (of the outbreak) to diminish but not disappear," Health Secretary Jose Angel Cordova acknowledged.

Indeed, this swine flu seems to have a long incubation period — 5-7 days before people notice symptoms, according to Dr. Marc-Alain Widdowson, a medical epidemiologist from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention now tracking the flu in Mexico City. And that means the virus can keep being spread by people who won't know to stay home.

While restaurants opened, Mexico City's government indefinitely closed bars, discos, gyms, movie theaters and dance halls. Sports halls and arenas were allowed to reopen only at half capacity. Archaeological sites began reopening Wednesday, with museums to follow.

From gritty taco stands to the Cartier store on Mexico City's version of Rodeo Drive, people were glad to be back at work.

Jesus Cortez, 43, manned El Taquito Veloz, "The Speedy Little Taco," in the rough Tepito neighborhood, offering roasted pork on a spit as its specialty — tacos al pastor. Nearby, workers sliced chunks of meat from a boiled steer's skull, flanked by cilantro branches.

"People are just starting to come back out, but they're still afraid," Cortez said. "We're going to have to open on Sundays now, and we're going to have to work really hard. If not, we're not going to make enough money."

Cartier manager Paula Guerra, 34, waited out the furlough in Valle de Bravo, a lakeside retreat for Mexico City's well-to-do, and returned Wednesday blowing air kisses to her employees through her surgical mask. But she, too, was hoping to make up for lost sales — in Mother's Day merchandise.

Rafael Ramirez, 65, rushed to the just-reopened Metropolitan Cathedral to pray to a Christ statue known as the Lord of Health, which the church brought



Workers, some wearing protective masks as a precaution against swine flu, arrive for work in Santa Fe neighborhood, Mexico City, Wednesday, May 6, 2009. Mexico ends Wednesday a five-day, government-ordered shutdown designed to contain the virus.

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out from storage for the first time in 300 years.

"I gave thanks that the city is returning to normal, and prayed so countries stop looking down their noses at us," Ramirez said. Mexico has protested Chinese quarantines and China's cancellation of direct flights between the countries as discriminatory.

First lady Margarita Zavala was up before dawn to greet 136 Mexicans who were flown home from China on a government charter. None had flu symptoms, Mexican diplomats said.

While Zavala pointedly removed her face mask and smiled broadly as she welcomed the Mexicans home, the scene in Shanghai was far different: 119 returning

Chinese gamely waved their country's flags as health workers in full body suits escorted them into a weeklong quarantine.

Several Mexican passengers said they were treated well in China. Others begged to differ.

"It was discrimination and humiliation in my case," said Myrna Berlanga, who said she was taken off a flight from the United States and put in a mobile laboratory for five hours without food, water or a bathroom. "They took me out because of my passport."

Haitian officials said they would not accept a Mexican navy ship carrying 77 tons of rice, fertilizer and emergency food kits, said Mexico's ambassador, Zadalinda Gonzalez y Reynero. She said Haiti asked for the ship to come "on another occasion."

Haitian officials had no immediate comment.

In San Diego, Calif., the U.S. Navy canceled the deployment of the USS Dubuque, an amphibious transport ship, after a crew member was confirmed to have swine flu. About 50 others were suspected cases, and all crew members were being treated with anti-viral drugs.

The ship was to leave June 1 on a humanitarian mission to the South Pacific, Navy spokesman Lt. Sean Robertson said.

And the Philippines urged boxing idol Manny Pacquiao to postpone a triumphant return home after beating Ricky Hatton in Las Vegas, saying a motorcade in Manila could risk spreading the virus through adoring crowds. There are no confirmed cases in the Philippines.

In Washington, officials with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said they identified genetic characteristics of the virus and were in position to produce a vaccine if one is needed.



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Brazil government rushes aid to flood victims, 32 dead

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SAO PAULO (AP) — Brazil rushed aid Wednesday by air, over land and through rapidly rising waters to scores of cities and towns isolated by floods that have killed at least 32 and left nearly 200,000 homeless.

But in an ominous sign that worried officials, rain continued to fall across a vast region stretching from the Amazon jungle to the northeastern Atlantic coast and meteorologists predicted the bad weather could last for weeks.

Isolated looting was reported in communities cut off by flooding, and some areas were experiencing their heaviest rainfall in two decades, officials said.

In three Amazon states, at least 3,000 Indians near rivers that overflowed fled to higher ground or into the jungle after seeing their crops of manioc, bananas and potatoes destroyed, said Sebastiao Haji Manchiner, executive secretary of the Brazilian Amazon Indigenous Organization.

In the hardest-hit state of Maranhao, some rivers were rising as much as 1 foot (30 centimeters) per day, destroying bridges and making it too dangerous for relief workers to navigate waterways.

"There are some places where the water is so high that not even a boat can get to people," said Brazilian army Lt. Ivar Araujo, in charge of 200 soldiers trying to help citizens in two towns where homes were submerged to their roof tiles and hundreds packed into shelters in gyms and schools on higher ground.

The unusually heavy rains that have slammed the region for two months are now affecting 10 of Brazil's 26 states in a zone three times the size of Alaska. It stretches from the normally wet jungle to coastal states known for lengthy droughts, though not all parts of the states have been affected.

Most victims drowned or were killed when mudslides swept apart ramshackle homes, but authorities feared the situation could get much worse because some areas have been isolated for days without shipments of food or water.

Civil defense workers used army helicopters to airlift supplies to some places. Trucks laden with emergency shipments of

food and water were forced to stop at highway washouts so aid workers could transfer the goods onto boats for delivery, said Abner Ferreira, a spokesman for Maranhao's civil defense department.

Ferreira said there were reports of scattered looting, and some people refused to leave homes submerged in 5 feet of water to prevent their belongings from being stolen.

In the Para state city of Altamira, more rain fell in three hours than the jungle city of 90,000 normally gets in two months, Mayor Odileida Sampaio told the state-run Agencia Brasil news agency.

About 5,000 buildings were damaged, and nearly a third of the city's residents were forced from their homes — many of whom live in rickety shacks erected atop stilts.

"It's a complicated situation that is affecting mainly the poor and the business owners," Sampaio said. "Normally the Xingu River

rises slowly, but this year it happened really quickly."

Some victims said floodwaters rose so fast in recent days that they barely managed to survive.

"I didn't have time to get my things from the house, I lost everything," Francisca Antonia Gomes told Globo's G1 Web site in the state of Piaui, where 41,000 were displaced after the state had twice the normal amount of rain in April.

Floods created a crater and a lake along the path of a key iron ore export railway that takes raw ingredient for steel from a jungle mine to an Atlantic port.

The railway owner, Companhia Vale do Rio Doce SA, said in a statement it was working on repairs and would reopen the railway as soon as possible. While the rainfall and floods are the worst that some parts of the region have seen since 1989, floods and mudslides last year in the southern state of Santa Catarina killed more than 100 people and displaced 80,000.

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In this photo released by AGECOM, Assessoria Geral de Comunicacao, flooded streets are seen in Boca do Rio neighborhood in Salvador, Brazil, Tuesday, May 5, 2009. Floods and mudslides from months of heavy rains in northern Brazil have driven more than 186,000 from their homes, killed at least 19 people and cut off shipments from a huge Amazon iron mine, according to officials.

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Meteorologists blamed the rains

on an Atlantic weather system that typically moves on by April but has remained longer this year. The system "is staying farther south from where it usually stays this time of the year," said Luiz Kondraski of Brazil's National Institute for Space Research.

"If it were more to the north right now, the rains wouldn't be so

intense."

One thing the rains won't hurt is Brazil's environment, said Paulo Adario, coordinator of Greenpeace's Amazon campaign.

"The rainforest and the animals that live in it have coexisted with floods for centuries," he said. "Floods are part of the annual cycle in the region."



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SPORTS**Aruba TODAY****Players: A tournament where the course is the star**

DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Florida (AP) — Even with the strongest field in golf, The U.S. Players Championship is among the few tournaments where the biggest star is the golf course.

The Stadium Course on the TPC Sawgrass has a personality all of its own. Sure, it is renowned for its island green on the par-3 17th, perhaps the most notorious short hole in golf where players have hit 312 balls in the water over the last five years alone. But the shot is only 137 yards, a wedge for most players.

The winning score has ranged from a record 24-under 264



Golf fans watch the action from a hill beside the 17th green during a practice round at the Players Championship golf tournament at The TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., Tuesday, May, 5, 2009.

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by Greg Norman in 1994 to 3-under 285 by David Duval in 1999.

The list of champions is as impressive as any — Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, Davis Love III, Nick Price, Fred Couples — yet no one has ever repeated as champion. It can look easy. But it can play hard.

A small sampling of players in the days before The Players Championship showed how complex this place can be. They were asked to describe the TPC Sawgrass in one word.

"Exciting," offered three-time major winner Padraig Harrington, the only player to be runner-up in consecutive years.

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Report: Favre to meet with Vikings coach Brad Childress

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Just when Brett Favre looked to finally be out of the NFL, the Minnesota Vikings could be pulling him back in.

Citing an anonymous source "with direct knowledge of the discussions between the two parties," ESPN reported on Tuesday that Favre is scheduled to meet with Vikings coach Brad Childress this week about a possible comeback.

Favre's agent, Bus Cook, did not immediately return a phone call to his Mississippi office left by The Associated Press. Childress and Vikings spokesman Bob Hagan also did not immediately return messages.

Both Favre and Cook have said this spring that Favre intends to stay retired. But Favre's statement after he was released by the New York Jets last week left the door open.

"At this time, I am retired and have no intention of returning to football," he said.

Those three little words — "At this time" — set off rampant speculation that he was indeed considering a second return to action. Childress said on Friday he had been too busy to concentrate on Favre, but did acknowledge the subject would soon be broached.

Favre spent 16 seasons in Green Bay, retiring in 2008 after leading the Packers to the NFC title game. He changed his mind a few months later, which set up a long and messy soap opera that ultimately led to his trade to the Jets.

It was believed all along that Favre, after hearing Green Bay's plans to go with Aaron Rodgers at quarterback, wanted to come to NFC North rival Minnesota so he could

exact some revenge on the Packers.

But the Packers would have none of it. The team filed tampering charges against the Vikings, alleging improper contact between Favre and Vikings offensive coordinator Darrell Bevell, a friend of Favre's from his days as Green Bay's quarterbacks coach.

The league cleared the Vikings of all charges. Green Bay included in the trade to New York a clause that made it all but impossible for the Jets to turn around and ship Favre to the Vikings.

But when the Jets granted the 39-year-old Favre his release last week, it made him a free agent who is eligible to sign with any team he chooses. And many experts say the Vikings are a quarterback away from being a legitimate Super Bowl contender.

With unproven veterans Sage Rosenfels and Tarvaris Jackson slated to duke it out in training camp for the starting job, it would come as no surprise that the Vikings would at least consider adding a three-time league MVP who holds the career records in every major statistical passing category, including interceptions.

But the move would not come without questions.

After an impressive start to his first and only season in New York — he threw a career-high six touchdown passes in a win over Arizona in Week 4 — Favre's production dipped considerably over the final five games while he dealt with shoulder and biceps injuries. He threw nine interceptions in that span and the Jets stumbled to a 1-4 finish.



- In this Dec. 21, 2008, file photo, New York Jets quarterback Brett Favre is sacked by Seattle Seahawks cornerback Josh Wilson (26) as Jets' Brandon Moore looks on from rear during an NFL football game in Seattle. Favre was released from the reserve-retired list by the Jets on Tuesday night, April 28, 2009, making the quarterback a free agent if he decides to again come out of retirement.

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NBA Playoffs

Cavs ground Hawks 99-72

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND (AP) — Newly crowned NBA Most Valuable Player LeBron James scored 34 points and the Cleveland Cavaliers, who waited nine days between playoff games after a first-round sweep, pulled away in the second half for a 99-72 win over the Atlanta Hawks in their Eastern Conference semifinal opener on Tuesday.

Showing why he was voted the league's best player in a landslide, James added 10 rebounds, three assists and four steals as the top-seeded Cavs won their fifth straight lopsided game in a postseason that has so far mirrored the best regular

season in franchise history.

Mo Williams added 21 points for Cleveland, which has won each of its five games by double figures.

Josh Smith scored 22 and Mike Bibby 19 for the Hawks, who needed seven games to get past Miami and are playing in the second round for the first time in 10 years.

Nuggets 117, Mavericks 105 At Denver, Carmelo Anthony led another fourth-quarter blitz by Denver, which overcame Dirk Nowitzki's 35 to lead Dallas 2-0 in the best-of-seven series.

Anthony scored 15 of his 25

points in the fourth quarter, Nene scored 25, J.R. Smith had 21 and Chauncey Billups 18 for the Nuggets, who won for the 15th straight time at the Pepsi Center, where they haven't lost since March 11.

The series shifts to Dallas for Game 3 Saturday night, and the Mavericks can only hope they're going to be as good on their home court as the Nuggets were on theirs.

The Nuggets, whose six postseason wins have come by an average of 24.8 points, broke open a back-and-forth game by starting the fourth quarter on a 16-2 run, sparked by Anthony's 10 points, to take a 102-85 lead.



Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James dunks in front of Atlanta Hawks' Zaza Pachulia (27), from Georgia, in the third quarter of the opening game of an NBA basketball Eastern Conference semifinal Tuesday, May 5, 2009, in Cleveland. James scored 34 points to lead the Cavaliers to a 99-72 win.

Associated Press

AL Roundup

Red Sox make it 5-0 against Yankees

NEW YORK (AP) — Jason Bay hit a three-run homer in a four-run first inning to spark the Boston Red Sox to a 7-3 win over the New York Yankees in the American League on Tuesday.

Boston improved to 5-0 this season against its arch rival for the first time since 1985. The Yankees have lost three straight at their new \$1.5 billion ballpark. New York pitcher Joba Chamberlain allowed hits to his first five batters, then recovered to strike out a career-high 12 in 5 2-3 innings.

All the Yankees' runs came on Johnny Damon's three-run homer in the third.

Bay is 10 for 18 with three homers and 10 RBIs against New York this season.

Blue Jays 10, Indians 6 In Toronto, Adam Lind hit a three-run homer and Scott Rolen added a solo shot in



Toronto's seven-run seventh inning which overwhelmed Cleveland.

Trailing 6-3 after the Indians scored four times in the top of the seventh, the Blue Jays managed seven runs and six hits off four relievers in the bottom half.

Cleveland relievers have a dismal combined ERA of 6.49 this season.

Rangers 7, Mariners 2, 10 innnings

In Seattle, Jarrod Saltalamacchia hit a grand slam that capped a six-run burst with two outs in the 10th inning against Seattle.

Pitcher Denny Stark was summoned from the bullpen on no notice when Shawn Kelley strained a muscle. Stark retired the first two batters before the Rangers broke loose. They got two RBI singles before Saltalamacchia hit his second career slam.

Royals 8, White Sox 7, 11 innnings

In Kansas City, Missouri, John Buck lined a game-winning single with the bases loaded in the 11th inning, giving Kansas City victory over Chicago.

The Royals came back from a 4-0 deficit to tie it at 7-7 in the seventh. Mitch Maier set up the winning run by walking with one out, then went to third on a single. After an intentional walk, Buck lined

the next pitch just past third base.

The Royals have won four straight

Chicago had 16 hits but stranded 13 runners in losing a fourth straight to divisional rival Kansas City for the first time in six years.

Tigers 9, Twins 0

In Detroit, Miguel Cabrera got four RBIs, including a two-run homer, to help Detroit cruise past Minnesota.

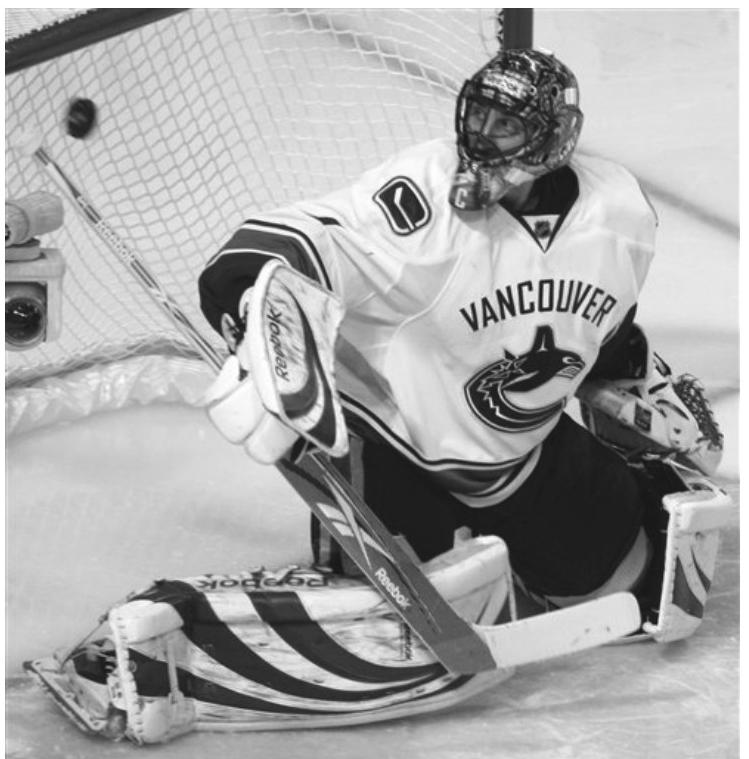
Clete Thomas had three hits in his season debut. He had a triple, double, single and walk — driving in two runs.

Rookie pitcher Rick Porcello threw seven scoreless innnings.

Rays 6, Orioles 3

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Matt Garza pitched eight strong innings to steer Tampa Bay over Baltimore.

Garza allowed only four hits and improved to 6-0 lifetime against the Orioles.



Vancouver Canucks' goalie Roberto Luongo turns away a Chicago Blackhawks shot during the third period in Game 3 of the NHL hockey Western Conference semifinals, Tuesday, May 5, 2009 in Chicago. Vancouver won 3-1.

Associated Press

FIA chief Mosley's son found dead in London home



FIA President Max Mosley arrives to attend an extraordinary meeting of the FIA World Motor Sport Council In Paris, Wednesday, April 29, 2009. The hearing will examine how McLaren lied to race officials when it said Hamilton was not given instructions to let Toyota's Jarno Trulli make an illegal overtaking move while the pair were behind the safety car during the Australian Grand Prix.

Associated Press

ROB HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — A son of world auto racing boss Max Mosley has been found dead in his London home, police and the racing federation said Wednesday.

The body of 39-year-old Alexander Mosley was found in his west London apartment on Tuesday afternoon.

He died of a suspected drug overdose, a London police official said on condition of anonymity because the force was not authorized to disclose details.

Former Formula One team boss Eddie Jordan described Alexander Mosley as a "hugely clever and talented computer expert."

"It's totally tragic, he was such a bright boy," Jordan said. "I'm devastated for them." Max Mosley has been the president of the FIA, the international automobile federation which governs Formula One racing, since 1993.

"The FIA extends sincere condolences to the Mosley family on the sad news of the death of Alexander Mosley," the Paris-based federation said. "Our thoughts are with Alexander's family and friends, and we would request that the media respect the Mosley family's privacy at this difficult time."

Mosley called off plans to travel to this weekend's Spanish Grand Prix in Barcelona.

NHL Playoffs

Luongo, Canucks slow Blackhawks in 3-1 win

CHICAGO (AP) — Roberto Luongo made an early lead stand up and the Vancouver Canucks regained home-ice advantage by beating the Chicago Blackhawks 3-1 Tuesday for a 2-1 lead in the NHL Western Conference semifinals. Game 4 is Thursday night. After surrendering eight goals in the first two games of the series at Vancouver, Luongo finished with 23 saves Tuesday, including a spectacular stop on Dave Bolland when the Blackhawks had a power play early in the third period. Mason Raymond scored for the Canucks late in the first to give them the lead for the third straight game, and Steve Bernier's goal during a power

play early in the second put Vancouver up by two. Henrik Sedin's fourth goal of the playoffs made it 3-0 in the second.

But Brian Campbell's slapper from the high circle on a power play cut the Blackhawks' deficit to 3-1.

Ducks 2, Red Wings 1

At Anaheim, California, Teemu Selanne scored in the first period, Scott Niedermayer added a goal in the second, and Jonas Hiller made 18 of his 45 saves in the third for Anaheim, which grabbed a 2-1 lead over Detroit in the Western Conference semifinal series.

After building the first

multiple-goal lead of the series, Hiller and the Ducks survived a third-period barrage by the defending Stanley Cup champion Red Wings.

Detroit nearly tied the game with 1:09 remaining when Marian Hossa dived to knock in a loose puck in front of Hiller, but referee Brad Watson lost sight of the puck and whistled the play dead before the purported goal.

The Red Wings got a goal from Henrik Zetterberg in the second period and had a pair of power plays in the final 9:35, but couldn't tie it.

Game 4 will be in Anaheim on Thursday before the series returns to Detroit for Game 5 on Sunday.

Players

Continued from front page

"What I mean by that is that it's not a big brute of a course with long, boring par 4s. There's quite a lot of short, tricky par 4s out there. And there's a lot of intimidating shots. A lot of water. It's a course that's exciting at all times.

"Even without the players this week, it would be an exciting event."

The Players Championship did not have Woods last year, the No. 1 attraction in golf, and there was excitement aplenty. It ended with a sudden-death playoff — the first playoff to start on the 17th hole — and Paul Goydos promptly hit his tee shot into the water.

"Tricky," is the word chosen by Woods.

His record is most peculiar. Woods was runner-up in 2000 to Hal Sutton, then won the next year over Vijay Singh. But he has not cracked the top 10 since then, his longest such streak of any U.S. PGA Tour event. He has never led after any round in any year except

for when he rallied to win on a Monday in 2001.

The Stadium Course does not discriminate, offering winners who are power players (Woods, Norman, Couples, Mickelson) or short hitters (Fred Funk, Lee Janzen), stars (Price, Duval, Davis Love III) or unheralded winners (Craig Perks).

Only eight of the champions at Sawgrass have failed to win a major.

Most people consider The Players Championship as the fifth major, which is why Steve Stricker used "challenging" for his word. "It not only challenges you physically, but it challenges you mentally," he said. "It's like a major. There's no letup on any hole. On every single shot, you have to be committed."

Sergio Garcia is the defending champion when the event begins on Thursday, its 28th consecutive year on a course designed by Pete Dye and often described as "Dye-a-bolic," for the punishment the course metes out on whim.

Goydos earned more notoriety for his playoff loss than any of his two U.S.

PGA Tour victories, in part because of his everyman personality that served as such a contrast to Garcia's illuminating career.

His word to describe the course?

"Surprising," he said. "When you look at each hole individually, it really should be that difficult. It's just that each hole is designed to the point where if you make a mistake or get out of position ... in trying to get back into position and trying to be aggressive from that point, it tends to kind of snowball away from you."

Phil Mickelson called it "interesting." Zach Johnson said it was "all-encompassing." Retief Goosen called it "dramatic."

Of course, no survey would be complete without the wisdom of Boo Weekley. His one-word description? "Flush," Weekley said. Flush?

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México sube a 42 muertes influenza

MEXICO DF (Reuters) - México elevó el miércoles la cifra de muertos por la epidemia de influenza a 42, mientras el país intentaba a volver a la normalidad en medio de advertencias del gobierno de que la enfermedad no está bajo control.

El secretario de Salud, José Angel Córdova, dijo que los infectados por el nuevo tipo de virus de la gripe subieron en 170 a 1,112 y advirtió que, aunque continúa la tendencia a la disminución de los casos diarios, es necesario permanecer alerta ante la posibilidad de un rebrote.

"Hablar de control significa pasar 15 días que no haya un caso nuevo. Para eso no estamos muy cerca, habrá que esperar (...) Hemos visto esta tendencia a la disminución, pero no a la desaparición", dijo el funcionario en rueda de prensa.

México había reportado 29 muertos el martes. El funcionario dijo que el fuerte crecimiento de muertes no se debió a decesos registrados desde el último anuncio, sino que la mayoría fue de pacientes fallecidos en los primeros días del brote cuyas muestras no habían sido analizadas.

Pero más tarde dijo que en



Empleados del Gobierno limpian edificios para combatir a la influenza A H1N1, en el centro de Ciudad de México, 5 mayo 2009. México dijo el miércoles que los muertos por una epidemia de influenza subieron a 42, mientras el país comenzaba a volver a la normalidad después de una suspensión de la vida social y económica de cinco días. REUTERS/Daniel Aguilar

los primeros cinco días de mayo se registraron seis muertes. El presidente, Felipe Calderón, pidió en un acto público en el occidental estado de Michoacán no bajar la guardia: "No es tiempo de cantar victoria y decir se acabó (...) No podemos decir que (la epidemia) está bajo control".

El virus H1N1 de influenza está afectando a más de 20 países actualmente, aunque el

mayor número de casos está en México. El vecino Estados Unidos reportó el miércoles 642 nuevos casos y dos personas muertas, mientras que se unieron a la lista de afectados el miércoles Suecia y Polonia.

Las autoridades de los Centros para Control y Prevención de Enfermedades de Estados Unidos dijeron que la población podría ser más vulnerable a la enfermedad si se descuidan las medidas ante la idea de que lo peor de la epidemia ya pasó.

En España, el Ministerio de Sanidad dijo el que el número de personas infectadas por el virus se elevó a 81 desde los 73 confirmados el martes. Por si fuera poco, una segunda cepa de la influenza de las de tipo estacional, denominada

H3N2, podría haber surgido, complicando el panorama en México y actuando junto con el H1N1, dijeron investigadores canadienses. Esta cepa fue vista en un viajero que regresó de México, según reportó el equipo del Centro para el Control de Enfermedades de Columbia Británica a ProMED, un foro en internet para expertos en enfermedades infecciosas.

El brote de influenza podría llevar a la Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS) a sugerir la próxima semana a las farmacéuticas que produzcan vacunas contra la nueva cepa H1N1.

A pesar de que aún no logra controlar la gripe, aunque los contagios crecen más

lento, México comenzó a retomar paulatinamente la vida normal, abriendo algunos comercios, zonas arqueológicas y oficinas públicas, mientras preparaban el retorno las clases de millones de alumnos.

El país cerró la semana pasada por varios días escuelas, restaurantes, cines, bares, discotecas, empresas, museos y hasta iglesias para intentar frenar el contagio, y exhortó a la población a no salir de sus casas si no era necesario.

En la Ciudad de México, donde habitan casi 20 millones de personas en su área metropolitana, el tráfico volvía a ser pesado después de días en que la urbe lució casi desierta.

El secretario de Hacienda mexicano, Agustín Carstens, dijo que la paralización de actividades podría impulsar este año el déficit fiscal hasta un 2 por ciento del Producto Interno Bruto (PIB), mayor al 1.8 por ciento previsto anteriormente.

El Gobierno espera que la economía, ya golpeada por la recesión de Estados Unidos, se contraiga hasta un 0.5 por ciento adicional al pronóstico previsto de caída de hasta 4.0 por ciento.

Algunas cafeterías atendían público, pero con la mitad de sus mesas habituales luego de que la Secretaría de Salud ordenara que sólo pueden haber cuatro personas por 10 metros cuadrados, mientras enormes museos como el de Antropología se preparaban para recibir visitantes a partir del jueves.

Avión en que viaja presidente salvadoreño aterriza de emergencia en Israel

SAN SALVADOR (AP) - El avión comercial en el que viajaba el presidente salvadoreño Tony Saca, de Israel a Roma, realizó un aterrizaje de emergencia el miércoles en el aeropuerto Ben Gurion de Tel Aviv debido a fallas mecánicas.

En San Salvador se informó a la AP que el mandatario permaneció en el avión esperando reanudar el vuelo.

Según un informe de la Secretaría de Comunicaciones de la Presidencia de El Salvador, el avión de la empresa El-Al sufrió fallas mecánicas diez minutos después de despegar y debió de regresar al aeropuerto.

Saca y su comitiva se reunirán el jueves en una audiencia privada con el papa Benedicto XVI.

Inició su gira visitando Franja de Gaza y concluirá su periplo en España donde se entrevistará con el presidente José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero y el Rey Juan Carlos. El mandatario entregará el poder al presidente electo Mauricio Funes el 1 de junio.

Ejército colombiano se incauta de arsenal de FARC

BOGOTÁ (AP) - Más de 20.000 municiones y abundantes pertrechos que supuestamente pertenecían a las Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia fueron decomisados por el ejército colombiano en operaciones realizadas en las montañas del centro del país.

La Cuarta Brigada del Ejército informó el miércoles en un comunicado que el arsenal

pertenecía al frente 9 de dicha guerrilla y fue ubicado la semana pasada en el municipio de Granada, departamento de Antioquia, a unos 200 kilómetros al norte de Bogotá.

El arsenal, que también incluía 125 kilos de explosivos y minas antipersonas, fue mostrado a los medios en la ciudad de Medellín, cabecera de Antioquia. En el escondite se encontró también materiales para prestar auxilio médico



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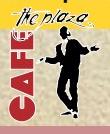
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